(d) RBI has further reported that residents can use International Credit Card while abroad. RBI has clarified that the term "currency", *inter alia*, includes Credit Cards, ATM Cards and Debit Cards etc. and all the rules, regulations made and directions issued under the Foreign Exchange Management Act apply to Credit Cards, ATM Cards, Debit Cards etc. also. Accordingly, payments by the Credit Cards, ATM Cards, Debit Cards etc. being only different methods of payment, all the rules, regulations made and directions issued under the Act apply to Credit Cards, ATM Cards, Debit Cards etc. also.

Evasion of customs duty by MNCs

72. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH :
SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some multinational companies producing IMFL have been indulging in under-invoicing and misdeclaration of goods and evaded crores of rupees in customs duty;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, company-wise;

(c) the action taken against these companies in regard to recovery of customs duty; and

(d) the action taken against the companies and its officials in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) to (d) Two cases where two multinational companies producing IMFL were found to be indulging in under-invoicing and misdeclaration of goods and thus evading customs duty have been detected.

In the first case involving M/s. Seagram Manufacturing Ltd. Gurgaon, two show cause notices involving a total of Rs. 50.05 crores (approx.) were issued for alleged misdeclaration of value, quantity and classification by the company, out of which demand of Rs. 41.68 crores has already been confirmed. Further, prosecution has been launched against the company and its officials in the court of the Hon'ble ACMM, New Delhi.

In the other case booked against M/s. Allied Domecq Spirits and Wines (P) Ltd., New Delhi for alleged misdeclaration of classification and value, investigations are in progress.